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RhodeMap RI Releases Economic Development Plan draft for Public Hearing

Members of the public are invited to review and comment on the full draft of the State Economic Development Plan, a product of the RhodeMap RI initiative. The plan can be downloaded and read at www.rhodemapri.org/edplan.

Opportunities for Public Comment

The public comment period runs September 26, 2014 through Friday, October 31, 2014. Two public hearings will be held at the end of October, as follows:

- Monday, October 27th at 6:00pm at the Department of Administration William E Powers Building Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence Rhode Island 02908
- Tuesday, October 28th at 6:00pm at North Kingstown Senior Center, 44 Beach Street, North Kingstown Rhode Island

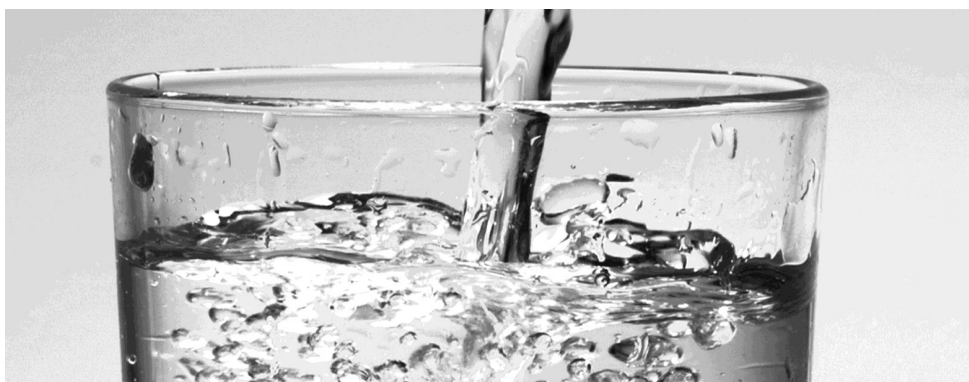
The hearings will begin with a one half hour informational presentation followed by opportunity for public comment. All persons may present their views on the draft document in person at the public hearings, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the State Planning Council.

Written statements may be mailed to Melanie Jewett Army, AICP, Supervising Planner, RI Statewide Planning Program, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, or submitted at a hearing. All comments must be received before 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 31, 2014.

About the Economic Development Plan

The Economic Development Plan contains goals, policies, strategies, implementation actions, and performance measures for the State's Economic Development program over the next twenty years. The Rhode Island Department of Administration, Division of Planning's Statewide Planning Program, working in collaboration with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, is responsible for the development of this Plan. This Plan was also developed with public and private stakeholder participation, as well as state and federal agency collaboration.

The Economic Development Plan is one of the first products of an extensive outreach and research effort. Since August 2013, hundreds of Rhode Island citizens have participated and shared their ideas through 27 regional workshops, over 30 focus groups and meetings, as well as online. RhodeMap RI has connected with a wide array of groups and individuals, particularly reaching out to those who are traditionally under-represented in statewide planning initiatives. The RhodeMap RI team has incorporated the feedback received to identify, map and evaluate the intersections of the state's environmental, economic, and social resources, with the vision of helping communities determine where and how future development should happen within their borders. In addition, RhodeMap RI has collaborated with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and the Rhode Island Foundation on their Make It Happen initiative, in which more than 200 members of the business community provided input to inform the new Economic Development Plan. This resulted in Actions for Economic Development in Rhode Island prepared by the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, many of the recommendations of which are reflected in the Economic Development Plan.



Cool, crisp, clear...safe to drink?

Learn how to protect your private well water.

Free workshop for private well owners

Protect yourself, your family, your property and your investment.

Learn:

- The importance of regular testing
 - How to protect your well water from pollution
 - Proper well maintenance
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- **Monday, October 20, 2014** from 6 – 7 PM at the Jamestown Public Library
 - **Monday, November 10, 2014** from 6 – 7 PM at the Barrington Public Library

To register, call URI at 401-874-4918 Space is limited; pre-registration is required.

For more information on private well protection, see: www.riwelltesting.org

These workshops are conducted by the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program and the RI Department of Health. Funding provided by the RI Department of Health Capacity Development Program.

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WTS-Rhode Island 2014 Charity Event

Please join WTS-Rhode Island for our annual charity event! This year we will be participating in the Ronald McDonald House of Providence Women's Classic on Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 AM. This women-only 5k run and 3k walk raises money for the Ronald McDonald House of Providence, RI. Run or walk through the picturesque East Side of Providence and finish at the Brown University Stadium. WTS-Rhode Island will reimburse \$10 of the registration fee for the first 20 members to register. For additional information contact Christine Ann Palmer at 508-823-2245 or cpalmer@mcmahonassociates.com. For the Event flyer, click

http://www.wtsinternational.org/assets/80/22/2014_5K_Charity_Event_Flyer_Rev1.pdf

Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

State Planning Council

October 9, 9:00, & October 22*, 2014, 9:00
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A

Technical Committee -

October 3, , 9:00, & October 21*, 9:00
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A, * Special meeting

Transportation Advisory Committee

August 23 2014, 6:30 p.m.
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI
Conference Room A
<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/>

NEARC: GIS Educator's Day

October 5th 2014 (8:00am - 5:00pm)
Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa
625 North Road, Groton, CT 06340
<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/calendar.html>,
<http://www.northeastarc.org/2014/html/giseducators.shtml>

NEARC: 2014 Annual Conference

October 6th-8th, 2014
Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa
625 North Road, Groton, CT 06340
<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/calendar.html>

COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY STRATEGY (CHAS) DATA

The Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program, with assistance from Rhode Island Housing, has generated data tables for each municipality on housing needs by income level.

These data are pulled from a special tabulation of American Community Survey data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development known as Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, or CHAS, data.

The data tables, posted online at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/geodeminfo/data/chas.php>, will help municipalities understand housing needs in their communities and in the region.



On September 18, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2013 1-Year American Community Survey

(ACS) estimates. One-year ACS estimates are available for geographies with populations greater than 65,000, and describe the social, economic, and housing characteristics of people and places. These data can be downloaded from American FactFinder at <http://factfinder2.census.gov/> (to find the new data, select *Advanced Search*, and then *Topics > Dataset > 2013 ACS 1-year estimate*).

Also, on September 16, Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage results for the nation were compiled from information collected in the 2014 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement and was released in two reports:

[*Income and Poverty in the United States: 2013*](#) and [*Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2013*](#). The Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement was conducted between February and April 2014 and collected information about income and health insurance coverage during the 2013 calendar year.

This is the annual release of national-level income, poverty and health insurance statistics from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The reports include statistics for calendar year 2013 and compare trends from previous years. The health insurance report includes a few tables showing trends and state-level health insurance coverage between 2008 and 2013 from the American Community Survey. Additional information regarding the time and format of the release will be included in a separate announcement closer to the release date.

On October 23, The Census Bureau will be releasing the **2011-2013 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**. The statistics derived from three years of data collection cover all geographic areas with populations of 20,000 or more. Comparison profiles showing statistically significant changes compare two non-overlapping three-year periods (2008-2010 and 2011-2013).

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2014-2015 URI Landscape Architecture Lecture Series

- **October 9** **Jamie Maslyn Larson**, RLA ASLA, Principal West 8 New York, New York City, NY
Title: "What if Parks Could Dream?"
- **October 30** **Kate Orff**, Partner, Scape Landscape Architecture, New York City, NY*
Title: "Scape"
- **November 13** **Richard Roark**, ASLA, Partner, The OLIN Studio, Philadelphia, PA
Title: "Lifelines: Design for fast Geographies and community resiliency"
- **February 12** **Nathan Socha**, ASLA, Beta Group, Lincoln, RI and
Cheryl Russ, Glen Gate Company, Wilton, CT
Title: Divergent Paths and Common Themes
- **February 26** **Robert Golde**, ASLA, Partner, Towers|Golde, New Haven, CT
Title: "Balancing Long Term Sustainable Solutions with Short Term Client Needs"
- **March 12** **Peter Trowbridge**, FASLA, Trowbridge, Wolf, Michael
Title: "Is this what we call infrastructure?"
- **April 9** **Anne Whiston Spirn**, Author, Photographer, Landscape Architect, MIT, Cambridge, MA
Title: Tba
- **April 23** **Kaki Martin**, ASLA, Klopfer Martin Design Group, Cambridge, MA
Title: Tba

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Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. This series is co-sponsored by the URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences, The Graduate School of Oceanography, The College of Arts and Sciences, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and Landscape Forms. The Kate Orff visit is being co-sponsored by Rhode Island Sea Grant and Anne Spirn by the URI Art Department. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lecture halls are handicapped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to 874-2983 or to wagre@uri.edu.